

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on February 9, 2004 in Room 830 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Jernigan called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., followed by introductions. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Jernigan  
Commissioner Cooperman  
Commissioner Creary  
Commissioner Duba  
Commissioner Morgan  
Commissioner Mummey  
Commissioner Perkins  
Commissioner Rodriguez

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2004**

On motion of Barbara Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the minutes of January 26, 2004 were approved.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Jernigan encouraged Commissioners to lobby legislators on health care funding and to lobby federal legislators to adopt a "one strike law" for sexual offenders.

(Commissioner Davalos joined the meeting.)

Commissioner Rodriguez suggested inviting a representative from the Commission on Judicial Performance to address the Commission on issues related to sentencing of sexual offenders. She also suggested that the Commission consider funding more young women to attend women's events. Similarly, Commissioner Perkins suggested the Commission create a mentorship program for young women.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Jim Corbett, Executive Office, announced that the scheduled speaker on the state budget crisis had to cancel, and would be rescheduled for the next meeting.

### **REPORT ON 5K SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION AND ORIENTATION**

Commissioner Duba reported the following:

- At the January 13, 2004 reception 30 scholarships were granted.

- The Board of Supervisors presented certificates to 25 scholarship recipients.
- Supervisor Antonovich presented a scroll to Title Sponsor Northrop Grumman.
- Commissioner Becerra-Jones conducted the scholarship orientation.
- The luncheon reception included acknowledgement of corporate sponsors and the presentation of a plaque to Commission staff Nyla Jefferson.
- In the last five years 105 scholarships have been provided.

### **AWARDS LUNCHEON PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Twila Kerr, Executive Office, reported the following:

- Total sales from purchase of tables and sponsorships exceed \$15,000.
- The Mistress of Ceremonies still hasn't been selected
- The Boeing Company is underwriting the cost of publishing the Souvenir Journal.

Commissioners Duba, Creary and Perkins agreed to purchase a table. Commissioner Duba offered to donate her table for the girls at risk scholarship recipients.

Other Commissioners also agreed to sell tickets to the event.

### **APPROVAL OF ACCW QUARTERLY MEETING EXPENSES**

On motion of Commissioner Mummey, seconded by Commissioner Cooperman, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved travel and meal expenses of up to \$275 for President Jernigan or an alternate to attend the ACCW Quarterly Meeting on February 25, 2004 in Sacramento.

### **APPROVE EXPENDITURES FOR WOMEN OF PASADENA'S 2004 HIGHLIGHTS AWARD BREAKFAST**

On motion of Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Mummey, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved expenditures for two Commissioners to attend the Women of Pasadena's 2004 Highlights Awards Breakfast on February 24, 2004 at a cost not to exceed \$150. Commissioners Davalos and Perkins will attend representing the Commission. President Jernigan offered to purchase Commissioner Creary's ticket from the President's Fund.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Health Committee**

Commissioner Creary reported on newspaper articles concerning conditions at the Martin Luther King/Drew Medical Center and on a letter she wrote to Dr. Thomas Garthwaite, Director of Health Services, requesting updates on the situation. She

further reported on a movement to amend the United States Constitution to ensure quality health care for all Americans.

### **Domestic Violence Subcommittee Report**

Commissioner Rodriguez reported the following:

- She is organizing a domestic violence presentation to the Commission.
- The subcommittee will review the 1994 Report on Domestic Violence on the Home Front.
- The next Domestic Violence Subcommittee meeting is April 12, 2004.

President Jernigan spoke on reports that the Sheriff's Department would release minor offenders early due to funding cuts. She requested staff to obtain information on this matter from the Sheriff's Department. She also spoke on a proposal by Senator Hatch of Utah for a constitutional amendment to allow foreign-born citizens to run for President of the United States.

### **Media/Public Relations Committee**

Commissioner Morgan reported that a press release for the Awards Luncheon was mailed out.

### **Older Women's Issues Committee**

Commissioner Mummey reported on plans for an older women's forum in the County.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Yvonne La Rose, Executive Recruiting Management, informed the Commission of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's Federal Legislative Bill HR 3420, the Economic Security and Safety Act for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence. President Jernigan requested that the Legislative Committee look at this bill.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Perkins announced the following:

- The City Attorney's Office is honoring artist Synthia Saint James at a reception on February 12, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Los Angeles Women's Appointment Collaboration will hold a reception at Mirabella's in West Hollywood on February 10, 2004 at 5:30 p.m.
- Since January she has participated in the Los Angeles African American Women's Public Policy Institute at USC.
- The Women's Advisory Group in collaboration with Mass Mutual is giving away

20,000 life insurance policies of \$50,000 each to families.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported on the Mid-Wilshire Domestic Violence Collaborative's questionnaire and survey work.

Commissioner Davalos announced that she and Commissioner Rodriguez presented the Commission's \$500 domestic violence grant to Alicia Reyes of the Chicana Service Action Center.

Commissioner Cooperman reported on a speech she heard from a Venezuelan woman on democracy in Venezuela. She also attended a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the United States Supreme Court decision Brown vs. Board of Education (1954), concerning de-segregation of public schools.

Commissioner Creary requested staff to obtain information on the Living Legends tribute in the Second District.

Commissioner Mummey reported on a brochure concerning how to hire employees.

#### **MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA**

Commissioners requested that the following matters be placed on the next meeting's agenda:

- (1) Consider sending representation to the March for Freedom of Choice in Washington, D.C. on April 25, 2004;
- (2) Consider sending representation to the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking on April 7-9, 2004 in San Diego; and
- (3) Consider purchasing tickets to the Prototypes Black History Month Gala on February 28, 2004.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. in the memory of Herb Cemmell, the husband of former Woman of the Year Dr. Louanne Kennedy of Cal State University Northridge.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Ruth Jernigan, President  
Roslyn Cooperman  
Ruth Creary, Ph.D.  
Karin Davalos  
Reiko Duba  
Lila Morgan  
Janet Mummey  
Olivia Rodriguez  
Barbara Perkins

### **EXCUSED**

Yvonne Mariajimenez, Vice President  
Charlotte Lesser, Treasurer  
Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
Susan Carpenter-McMillan  
Bonnie J. Lewis

### **UNEXCUSED**

Sophia Esparza

### **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Khanh Nguyen, Executive Office  
Jim Corbett, Executive Office  
Gene Romig, Executive Office  
Twila Kerr, Executive Office  
Charles Hill, Executive Office  
Angel Triola, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

### **GUESTS**

Rose Borja  
Yvonne La Rose